

# AMERICA FAVORS

## WORLD TRIBUNAL

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### Government Leans Toward Court, Although Created by League.

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The United States government looks with friendly eyes on the establishment of the world court of international justice, even though it has not been created by the league of nations. The Harding administration, fearful of the wrath of the "irreconcilables," will not openly lend its influence to the establishment of the court, but the council of the league of nations has been able to get the Harding government much embarrassment by addressing its invitation to the United States to the president and Oscar Straus, who are the permanent American members of the Hague tribunal. The administration is not the Harding administration in any way to submit its disputes to the jurisdiction of the court, and the president's substitution, of which Mr. Root played so important a part, the invitation to the permanent judges for the court will be accepted.

**Government Interested.**

The Department of State has made it clear that the United States government is watching with considerable interest the development of the league of nations and the world court, and while the fact that the league is recognized no comment is made upon it, officials of the Harding

administration admit that the difficulty has been the selection of judges, and that many an excellent project during the last century has been killed because it was never possible to satisfy all the parties concerned on the naming of judges. The small nations always refused to be subordinated and the large powers declined to see the court made up of representatives of small countries. The solution came when the League of Nations was formed, and the league of nations actually made such a separation. The nations large and small have become accustomed since the peace conference to the upper and lower house, so to speak, of the

League of nations, and now, while nominations are made by the council, they must be ratified by the assembly.

**Separated From Politics.**

Once the judges are named the international court has really nothing more to do with the politics of nations. It is to be separated from any political organization and is intended to be a supreme court of the world, making its decisions irrespective of national boundaries. It is for the common good based upon right principles of law. The belief is growing that once the court is established that once the Harding administration will not hesitate to submit disputes to that body. It will be difficult for serious disputes to arise with some

The purpose of the international court is to deal with purely legal questions. It is true that many questions are suggested by the failure of nations to get together on questions of law. The international court will not deal with political questions, but will render its decisions on a mass of problems which have hitherto gone unsettled and have sooner or later originated in a misunderstanding.

The republican party has again and again pledged itself to help make an international court, and although the international court of the league of nations pro-

vided for the creation of such a tribunal, there were many speeches of criticism made when the peace covenant and treaty were made public and it was found that the international court was left in the future. It was the result of that criticism and partly because of the desire of foreign governments to get the court started that the proponents of the plan decided not to wait for American ratification of the peace treaty, but to invite Elihu Root as a private citizen and a distinguished statesman to frame a constitution for the new court. Mr. Root spent most of last summer in Europe working on the plan which is now bearing fruit.

### League Technically Dead.

It was while Mr. Root was in London that he cabled Mr. Harding that it would be unwise to pronounce the league of nations "dead" for it was still proving its usefulness in making the international court a reality after years of futile effort in that direction.

Mr. Harding, however, being unfamiliar with what Mr. Root was discovering on the other side of the Atlantic, made a speech in which he declared that the league was "dead." Mr. Harding confirmed this later on, but it is now, of course, insisted that the Presi-

dent was expressing an opinion only, so far as the United States is concerned.

In other words, the league technically does not exist with respect to America, and Ambassador George Harvey issued a sentence to the funeral oration recently when he said that the Harding administration wouldn't deal with the league, directly or indirectly. The foreign powers have since sent all their communications through other channels, and the latest device adopted by the court was to tell the league that it was to reach the American government is to address a note to the supreme council, on which America is represented.

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## FIVE JUDGES SELECTED FOR BEACH STLYE SHOW

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### Rules Also Announced for Bath- ing Suit Contest Saturday Afternoon.

At the request of L. Gordon Leech, manager of the tidal basin bathing beach, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association named five

The judges for the forthcoming 1921 style show, to be held at the beach Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The judges will consist of C. K. Berryman, chairman; Charles W. Semmes, representing the Kiwanis Club; Roy L. Nelson, representing the C. G. Graham, the president of the City Club; John J. Boobar, representing the Kiwanis Club, and Edward S. Brashers, the Civitan Club.

The officers of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association gave the personnel of Judge Smith's jury commission. The judges are: J. J. Columbus, and in the gentlemen selected we feel that the association has found men eminently qualified to pass

The rules of the style show that have been supplied the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association provide that:

1. Each store is limited to four entrants.
2. Suits are to be judged for design, of the knee are not lower than a line drawn across the body parallel with the armpits.
3. Suits are to be judged for design, beauty and utility.

The models representing the individual firms will be preceded by a bathing page carrying a card inscribed "representative of the firm. In order to be eligible for the contest, the firm must be a member of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association."

With a view to assuring uniformity in the display of the cards, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association has decided to appoint a Secretary Charles J. Columbus announced that the cards will be supplied by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association. Entry in the exhibit is to be made through the management of the bathing beach and it is the desire that all entries shall be in not later than 3 o'clock Thursday, June 23.

The committee of judges will assemble at 3:30 o'clock Saturday in the rooms of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and proceed "under guard" to the judges stand at the bathing beach.